SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: Sir, the hon. senior Member from Muzaffarnagar asked the same question regarding improvement in management. I agree that there are some units where we have to improve our management, especially in taken-over units. Sir, these were sick units and we have taken them over during the last 5 or 6 years. We have to improve their working qualitatively and quantitatively. We have to put in some more experience in the running of these mismanaged units. We would require the support of this House to do it.

SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA. Admittedly, public sector undertakings are working in loss. Has the Government any plan to hand them over to the private sector?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question does not arise. Next question.

Telecommunication Facilities in Maharashtra

*84. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1436 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1986, and state:

(a) by when the laying of coaxial line is expected to be completed between Aurangabad and Nanded in Maharashtra; and

(b) what are the reasons for which STD services could not be extended to Nanded, Parbhani and Jalna towns in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Between Aurangabad and Jalna the coaxial cable system is already installed and commissioned. From Jalna to Nanded the Coaxial Cable is laid but associated work of jointing and termination is in progress and is expected to be completed by 1986-87 end. The associated system will be completed in 1987-88.

(b) Provision of S.T.D. facilities to any place involves the completion of following connected works:—

(1) Installation of Automatic exchange of appropriate type at that station.

(2) Installation of reliable transmission medium including multiplexing equipment required for linking that station to national network.

(3) Installation of appropriate termination in the Trunk Automatic Exchange to which the station is to be connected.

(4) Installation of required terminating equipment in the local exchange at the station.

In respect of Jalna, automatic exchange is available. Reliable transmission medium has been recently made available. Capacity in Trunk Automatic Exchange is available. S.T.D. facility to Jalna is likely to be provided during 1986-87.

In respect of Nanded, Automatic exchange is available at this station and capacity in Trunk Automatic exchange at Aurangabad is also available. STD facility will be provided to Nanded as soon as the reliable transmission medium is made available. In case of Parbhani S.T.D. facility will be provided after automatisation of manual exchange at Parbhani and availability of reliable transmission medium.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, as the Minister has said, the coaxial line is complete from Aurangabad to Jalna, and for Jalna to Parbhani and Nanded it is in progress and it will be completed by the

end of 1986-87. When everything is complete at Jalna, I would like to know the reason why the STD has not started at Jalna. I would also like to know from the hon. Minister that as soon as the coaxial cable laying is completed between Jalna and Nanded which are the most important towns of the Marathwada region, whether the STD service will start immediately.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: Sir, we recognise the importance of those towns. Therefore, we have made a scheme for providing coaxial cable transmission between Aurangabad and Jalna, from Jalna to Parbhani and from Parbhani to Nanded. I have given at what stage it is now in all the three places. And the moment this transmission system by coaxial cable is completed, we will connect all the stations. As regards Jalna, that will be provided during this very year.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, I am very happy and thankful to the hon. Minister that he has given an assurance to start the STD service at Jalna. Sir, the coaxial cable laying is complete between Aurangabad and Jalna. But there is a very large waiting list of telephones. Will it be cleared as early as possible? Secondly, Sir, the laying of coaxial line has already become an old thing. Now, new science and technology is being introduced in the telecommunication system. Is it possible to start an electronic exchange system at Nanded, Parbhani, Jalna and Aurangabad in the near future? If so, what is the position?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: Sir, I can give the type of equipment that Nanded, Jalna and Parbhani had, and the type of expansion we want to give it. And it is not possible or even necessary to provide an electronic exchange. We manufacture in this country all the three types of exchanges—strowger, crossbar and electronic. And we are using all of them. To improve the working of the system in our country, I can assure the hon. Member that whatever type that be, it will work reliably and with improved transmission facilities, all that is desired will be done.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: मान्यवर, यह मंत्री जी के उत्तर से संबंधित है। जालना के लिए तो मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि एस०टी०डी० की सुविधा इस वर्ष 86-87 में दे दी जायेगी। मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि नांदेड और परभनी में भी एस०टी०डी० की सुविधा देने के लिए समय की कोई निश्चित सीमा बता सकेंगे कि कब हो जायेगा ?

श्री राम निवास मिर्धा: श्रीमन्, मैंने पहले ही बताया है कि जालना में किस वर्ष प्रारम्भ हो जाएगी, और दूसरी जगहों, परभनी और नांदेड में बाकी काम इस वर्ष शुरू हो जायेगा, सम्पूर्ण हो जायेगा और अगले वर्ष निश्चित रूप से इन दोनों जगहों में एस०टी०डी० दे दी जायेगी।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 85.

Marketing of Ranitidine Tablets by M/s. GLAXO

*85. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:†

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Glaxo has started marketing of Ranitidine tablets without industrial licence and without producing bulk drug in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the product has been marketed without obtaining price approval;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the product has been manufactured by a small-scale company known as Biotech Pharma;

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Joseph Leon D'souza.